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an Automated Microbiological Analyzer )  
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- 1) Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted (Form PTO-1533);
- 2) Response to Notice to File Missing Parts and Submission of Missing Parts (3 ccs, 2 pgs);
- 3) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney of Richard O'Brien; and;
- 4) A Return Post Card.

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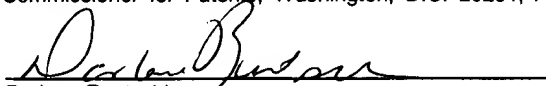


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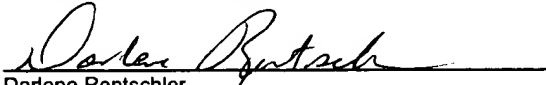
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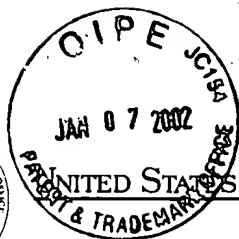
  
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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:  
*Richard O'Brien*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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